

Christ is Risen!
Χριστός Воскресе!
Χριστός ἀνέστη!

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Indeed He is Risen!
Восстину Воскресе!
Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη!

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14 April, 2013: Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women

*Our Holy Father and Confessor Martin, Pope of Rome.
The Holy New Martyrs Anthony, John and Eustathius.*

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sat. Apr. 13	5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil <i>+Michael & Catherine Bodnar requested by Dorothy, Martin, & Tina</i>				
Sun. Apr. 14	10:30 AM: Sunday of the Ointment Bearers: pro populo				
Sat. Apr. 20	5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil <i>+Anthony Giacobbi requested by Sis D'Angelo & Carl</i>				
Sun. Apr. 21	10:30 AM: Sunday of the Paralytic Man: pro populo				
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	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>		
Sat. Apr. 13	M. Mihalko	D. Cholock	J. Kontir, R. Garber		
Sun. Apr. 14	D. Cianciotti	S. Vacha	J. Overdorff, C. Cianciotti		
Sat. Apr. 20	M. Mihalko	J. Kontir	D. Cianciotti, J. Snitzer		
Sun. Apr. 21	E. & R. Hess	L. Cianciotti	G. Krynicky, D. Hess		

Collection: 04/07/13: Easter \$1000; Adult \$730; Candles \$70; Student \$11;
Total: \$1811.00.



Week of the Ointment-Bearers: We honor those women who served Jesus throughout his ministry and who were faithful to him even to the Cross. After his burial, they came with love to anoint his most pure body and instead became the first witnesses of his resurrection. As we honor them, we also proclaim our faith in the resurrection and rejoice in his gift of life.

Kontakion, Tone 2: By your resurrection, O Christ our God, you told the women bearing ointment to rejoice, and you stilled the weeping of Eve, the first mother. You instructed the women to announce to your apostles: The Savior has risen from the tomb.

Paschal Greeting in Greek:

Χριστός ἀνέστη! Christós A-néh-stee!
Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη! A-lee-thós A-néh-stee!



The faithfulness of the Myrrh-bearing women shows that in Christ, divine order is being restored to our fallen world. Whereas Eve was created to complete Adam, but instead led him into sin now the women disciples remain faithful while the men flee and hide. It is the women who bring the message of the resurrection of Christ to the men and so restore that which had been broken through sin.

In the Acts of the Apostles, we hear about the fantastic growth taking place in the nascent Church in Jerusalem. This growth can only happen when three great pillars of church life are fully in place: the pillars of **WORSHIP**, **EVANGELISM**, and **CHARITY**.

WOMEN FIRST TO HONOR THE RISEN CHRIST. PETER CHRYSOLOGUS: The women were first to honor the risen Christ, the apostles first to suffer for Him. The women were ready with spices; the apostles prepared for scourges. The women entered the tomb; the apostles would soon enter the dungeon. The women hastened to express their eulogy; the apostles embraced chains for His sake. The women poured oils; the apostles poured out their blood. SERMON 79.

You Seek Jesus of Nazareth, Who Was Crucified

THE TREE AS SIGN. JOHN OF DAMASCUS: When we worship the likeness of the priceless and life-giving cross, we know that it is made out of a tree. We are not honoring the tree as such (God forbid), but the likeness as a symbol of Christ. For he said to his disciples, admonishing them, "Then shall appear the sign of the Son of Man in Heaven," meaning the cross. And so also the angel of the resurrection said to the woman, "You seek Jesus of Nazareth who was crucified." And the apostle said, "We preach Christ crucified." For there are many named Jesus and many who may claim to be the Christ, but we worship the one crucified. He does not say pierced but crucified. It behooves us, then, to worship the sign of Christ. For wherever the sign may be, there also will he be. But it does not behoove us to worship the material of which the image of the cross is composed, even though it is gold or precious stones. THE ORTHODOX FAITH 4.11.

***He Has Risen:* THE QUICKENING POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION. APOSTOLIC**

CONSTITUTIONS: The resurrection in which we believe is that which has already been demonstrated in the resurrection of our Lord. For it is he that raised Lazarus after he had been in the grave four days, and Jairus' daughter, and the widow's son. It is he that raised himself by the command of the Father in the space of three days, who is the pledge of our resurrection. For he says: "I am the resurrection and the life." Now the very One who brought Jonah alive and unhurt out of the belly of the whale in the space of three days, and who brought the three children out of the furnace of Babylon and Daniel out of the mouth of the lions, does not lack power to raise us up also. CONSTITUTIONS OF THE HOLY APOSTLES 5.7.

THE DEATH OF DEATH. AUGUSTINE: He died, but he vanquished death; in himself he put an end to what we feared; he took it upon himself and he vanquished it, as a mighty hunter he captured and slew the lion. Where is death? Seek it in Christ, for it exists no longer; but it did exist and now it is dead. O life, O death of death! Be of good heart; it will die in us, also. What has taken place in our head will take place in his members; death will die in us also. But when? At the end of the world, at the resurrection of the dead in which we believe and concerning which we do not doubt. SERMON 233.3-4